

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] ~~Based on a stent as set forth in the classifying portion of claim 1, that~~ That object is attained by ~~the features recited in the characterizing portion of claim 1~~ a stent for expansion from a first condition, in which it can be introduced into a vessel, into a second condition, in which it holds the vessel in an expanded state. The stent comprises a plurality of annular support portions comprising bar elements which are connected in a longitudinal direction of the stent by way of a plurality of connecting bars, wherein the connecting bars between a first said annular support portion and, in the longitudinal direction, an adjacent second said annular support portion engage in a region of the bar elements of the first annular support portion that projects in the longitudinal direction. The connecting bars engage a central portion of the second annular support portion with respect to the longitudinal direction. At least one of the annular support portions is formed by a bar elements that connect end-to-end such that the bar elements extend in a meander configuration in the peripheral direction of the stent and a turning point in the meander configuration is formed at each connection of the bar elements, and each two bar elements that are adjacent in the peripheral direction of the stent, form the limbs of a V-shape, and wherein each said bar element has a direction of curvature which changes in the central region between two turning points. Furthermore, based on a catheter as set forth in the classifying portion of claim 22, that object is attained by the features recited in the characterizing portion of claim 22. In addition, based on a method as set forth in the classifying portion of claim 25, that object is attained by the features recited in the characterizing portion of claim 25.